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AGENCY CONTACT MEMORANDUM

To: Agency CIOs, Technical Contacts

From: Phil Baughn
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Date: June 10, 2010

Subject: COT Rates Reduced

The Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT) is very pleased to announce significant reductions to billing rates for most services beginning July 1, 2010. [See the attached rate schedule](#). The new lower rates will make COT's services affordable for small agencies and much more competitive for larger agencies that have previously purchased IT equipment and services elsewhere.

The statewide cost for maintaining the Commonwealth's core IT infrastructure, which was previously embedded in rates, will be allocated to agencies through a new enterprise assessment. The Governor's Office for Policy and Management (GOPM), in consultation with COT, determined the amounts to be allocated to each agency. During the 2010 – 2012 budget development process, GOPM estimated the effect of the new rate structure and assessment allocations on each agency's costs assuming historical spending patterns were maintained. Each General Fund appropriation was adjusted to eliminate any penalty or windfall. Agencies that avail themselves of COT rated service offerings in the future can do so at substantial savings.

Some Services Enhanced – one example is Basic Messaging Service: Beginning July 1, 2010, encryption will be included in the Basic Messaging Service at no extra cost. This feature will substantially reduce the risk of unintended exposure of private information contained in e-mail messages.

For an estimate of costs for rated services using your agency's spending patterns and the new lower rates, please contact your COT relationship manager.

For information about your agency's share of the enterprise assessment, please call your GOPM Policy and Budget Analyst.

COT's Relationship Manager listing is available at
<http://technology.ky.gov/Pages/businessManagers.aspx>.

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